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# Proud day for Kedahans

## Installation of Tuanku Abdul Halim as King a special moment for many

**ALOR SETAR:** Forty-two years ago, Rosmawati Abu Bakar was an excited little girl who watched the Sultan, Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah, ascending the throne as King.

"My parents only had a black and white TV then. I was just a school-girl but I remember the event very clearly," said Rosmawati, 49.

The factory manager said she felt privileged to witness the occasion again yesterday.

"It is just as exciting now," said Rosmawati.

Yesterday, she found the event even "grander" as she viewed it in colour with her daughter Diana Daud, 20.

She was among the Kedahans who beamed with pride as they watched the live telecast of Tuanku Abdul Halim's installation as the 14th Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

They thronged coffee shops and *nasi kandar* restaurants to watch the historic occasion.

"I am very proud to be a Kedahan. I think this is a very special moment," said Universiti Utara Malaysia undergraduate Endry Lim Zhen Wen, 24, when met at a *dim sum* shop.

For Fudzil Yaacob, 42, a soldier based at the Sultan Abdul Halim Camp in Jitra, it was an opportunity for him to bring his family to town to celebrate the historic event.

"The army camp where I am stationed is named after the Sultan so there is a special connection there," he said, adding that his wife Mashita Mohamad, 42, and daughter Nurul

Nadhirah Fudzil, 13, shared his exuberance.

Universiti Teknologi Mara lecturer Isma Ismail, 32, who watched the live telecast with her parents and cousin, said the installation

was a meaningful chapter in Malaysian history.

"The Sultan is very close to the people and very down to earth. I still remember an instance when he walked to the Batu Kawan Stadium in Penang to watch a football match as the road was too jammed for his car to pass through."

Isma's mother Kama Dun, 59, said that the first installation was just as grand.



**Lucky Kedahans:** Rosmawati and Fudzil among those who witnessed the occasion yesterday.

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**Grand entrance:** (Clockwise from left) Members of the Mounted Ceremonial Squadron entering Istana Negara; outriders leading the King's car into the palace; and a Japanese tourist and her daughter waving at the royal convoy as they arrive at the palace for the installation.